

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this patent application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 2-6,9,11,14,16,17, and 28 have been rejected as being unpatentable over Podd et al. in view of Mundinger et al. and Seaman under 35 USC 103; **Claims 12 and 13** have been rejected as being unpatentable over Podd et al. in view of Mundinger et al., Seaman and Nelligan under 35 USC 103. **Claim 28** has been cancelled, new **Claim 29** inserted, and consequently, **Claims 2-23, and 29** are now active in this patent application.

The interview granted by Examiner Lowe is hereby acknowledged and sincerely appreciated as a means for expe-

editing the prosecution of this patent application toward allowance.

During the course of the interview, it was stressed to the examiner that the present invention comprises a bulk material cargo container liner for housing bulk material, wherein the liner has a substantially rectangular parallelepiped structure when erected, and a longitudinal axial extent as defined along a longitudinal axis extending between rear and front wall surface portions. In addition, at least one vacuum discharge tube member is disposed internally within the bulk material cargo container liner for discharging the bulk cargo material through a bulk material discharge port defined which is defined within the rear wall surface portion of the bulk material cargo container liner at an elevational level which is above the bottom wall surface portion of the bulk material cargo liner. Still further, at least one inflatable air bag component is operatively associated with the bulk material cargo container liner for causing the bulk cargo material, disposed within the bulk material cargo container liner, to undergo fluid flow transversely, with respect to

the longitudinal axis and the longitudinal axial extent of the bulk material cargo container liner, toward the at least one longitudinally oriented vacuum discharge tube member disposed within the bulk material cargo container liner when the at least one inflatable air bag component is inflated from a relatively deflated state to a relatively inflated state so as to facilitate the evacuation of the bulk cargo material from the interior of the bulk material cargo container liner without requiring the tilting of the bulk material cargo container liner.

So, effectively in conclusion, it is respectfully noted to the examiner that new Claim 29 recites the fact that the vacuum discharge tube member is disposed within the bulk material cargo container liner so as to extend along the longitudinal axial extent of the bulk material cargo container liner, and that an inflatable air bag component is operatively associated with the bulk material cargo container liner such that when the inflatable air bag component is inflated, it will force the bulk material disposed within the bulk material cargo container liner to be moved transversely, that

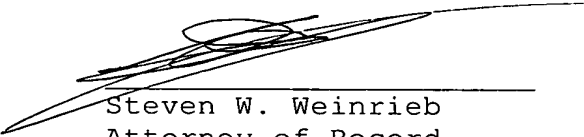
is, from opposite sides of the bulk material cargo container liner, toward the axially located longitudinally extending vacuum discharge tube member so as to effectively be evacuated or discharged from the bulk material cargo container liner through the discharge tube member which exits the rear wall surface portion of the bulk material cargo container liner at an elevational level above the bottom wall surface portion of the bulk material cargo container liner.

It was further agreed that all of the limitations as recited within new Claim 29 define over all of the prior art of record, including that of Podd et al., Mundinger et al., Seaman, and Nelligan

In light of the allowance of the generic Claim 29, it is also respectfully submitted that the non-elected species are also allowable, the allowable claims therefore being **Claims 2-23 and 29.**

In light of the foregoing, it is submitted that the claims of this patent application therefore define over all of the prior art of record and therefore this patent application is now in condition for allowance. An early and favorable action is now anticipated and awaited.

Respectfully Submitted,
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